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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: HEARING APPLICATION
Camerina Zone, Reservoir A
Upper Frio Zone, Reservoir A
Southwest Mermentau Field
Acadia Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby given on behalf of **RICELAND PETROLEUM COMPANY** ("Applicant") for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Camerina Zone, Reservoir A and Upper Frio Zone, Reservoir A in Southwest Mermentau Field, Acadia Parish, Louisiana:

CAMERINA ZONE, RESERVOIR A

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Camerina Zone, Reservoir A.
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration and production of gas and condensate from the Camerina Zone, Reservoir A, such proposed unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated CAM RA SUA.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis.
4. To designate Riceland Petroleum Company as Operator of the proposed unit.
5. To propose that all wells drilled in the future to the Camerina Zone outside of the unit proposed herein be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
6. To provide that any future replacement and/or alternate unit well for CAM RA SUA shall be exempt from the well location provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

7. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation may reclassify the reservoir by Supplemental Order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such a reclassification be warranted based on evidence furnished to the Commissioner.
8. The Camerina Zone, Reservoir A is defined as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the electric log depths of 11,935 feet and 12,430 feet in the Texas Gas Exploration Corp. (Inexco) – Lester Smith No. 1 bore hole, located in Section 60, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.
9. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

UPPER FRIO ZONE, RESERVOIR A

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Upper Frio Zone, Reservoir A.
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration and production of gas and condensate from the Upper Frio Zone, Reservoir A, such proposed unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated U FRIO RA SUA.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis.
4. To designate Riceland Petroleum Company as Operator of the proposed unit.
5. To propose that all wells drilled in the future to the Upper Frio Zone outside of the unit proposed herein be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
6. To provide that any future replacement and/or alternate unit well for U FRIO RA SUA shall be exempt from the well location provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
7. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation may reclassify the reservoir by Supplemental Order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such a reclassification be warranted based on evidence furnished to the Commissioner.
8. The Upper Frio Zone, Reservoir A is defined as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the electric log depths of 12,635 feet and 13,480 feet (electric log measurements) in the Texas Gas Exploration Corp. (Inexco) – Lester Smith No. 1 bore hole, located in Section 60, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.
9. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

Pertinent data concerning this intended application is available for inspection at the office of Bryan S. Groves, 110 Oil Center Drive, Building 13, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Bryan S. Groves at (337) 233-8032 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from the Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

In compliance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference was provided, but no request for a conference was received and therefore, none was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this intended application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. Attached hereto are plats outlining Applicant's proposed units, which plats are identical to that attached to the pre-application notice. Copies of the unit plats are attached herewith and a copy of this letter and of the attached plats are being sent to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Southwest Mermentau Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Office of Conservation in the amount of \$1,510.00 for the application fee.

Sincerely,



Bryan S. Groves
Geologist

Attachments

CC: Mr. Richard Hudson (w/encl.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
Interested Parties (w/plat only)



